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The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary, Department of Homeland Security

There is no question, and it is agreed by most, that there is a definite need for improved security for our Nation's borders.

However, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making pertaining to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), it is our opinion that any legislation approved for implementation of WHTI should:

- 1) contain consistent and clear information regarding implementation,
- 2) contain a comprehensive plan, widely circulated, for informing the public about the plan, and
- 3) carefully consider the significant financial impact possible to our business, trade and tourism industries.

Additionally, appropriate infrastructure and personnel should be in place to efficiently begin and adequately monitor a program of this magnitude.

It is important that the Department of Homeland Security work closely with all involved parties to develop a program that meets the objective of national security in a manner that will be effective, efficient, and still stand the test of time.

More like travelling in the EU (European Union.)
Thank you.

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